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## STUFF

MURD'RING MINISTERS is a gazette dedicated to the play of postal DIPLOMACY and other multi-player wargames. MM is brought your way for the paltry sum of \$4.00/12 issues. Gamefees vary according to the game so see each month's GAME OPENINGS section. MM is published by that little old Main Minister, me; who in reality goes by the name of Ron Brown, 1528 El Sereno Pl., Bakersfield, CA 93304. Phone (805) 834-8409. I thank you, and Snowmane thanks you!

To all you ITALIANO PRIBE readers and players: Disaster has struck Pablo Grabari, better known to you as Dave Graber. It seems that Dave was trying to emulate his hero, Ron, and was playing baseball. But not being blessed with his hero's athletic skills, he was smashed in the ring finger by the ball doing 14 hit points of damage and thoroughly rendering his typing dexterity to -1! So IP will be delayed until August when Dave is able to type again. At least this won't affect Dave's diplomacy in any way!

DIPLOMACY WORLD #25 is out and if you don't subscribe -- shame on you. For the uninitiated, DW is the premier DIPsine on the market with all kinds of good articles to read concerning the game of DIPLOMACY by experts so beginners like you and me can learn stuff. Subscriptions cost \$5.00/yr. Write to Jerry Jones, 1854 Wagner St., Pasadena, CA 91107 to order your subscription.

JUST AMONG FRIENDS is not the title of the latest FLEETWOOD MAC album. Rather, it will be the title of a brand new DIPsine beginning in October and published by Al Pearson, Rt. 1, Box 177B5, Kearneysville, WV 25430. The subscription rate will be \$4.00/yr. and feature \$2.00 gamefees. These gamefees are for regular DIP and the zine plans to be heavy on satire-type articles and strategy discussions. Contact Al if you're interested in receiving more info . . .

VOLKERWANDERUNG, published by Bob Arnett, 1500 Waterway Circle, Chesapeake, VA 23320, continues to be one of the top DIPLOMACY zines. His most recent issue, #11 has a nicely reproduced cover drawing depicting a KINGMAKER scene. Bob features his own DIP variant, "Deadman DIPLOMACY" which incorporates new innovative rules such as "Espionage", PEEK-A-Sneak", and more. Write to Bob for more info.

MORE STUFF

EGGNOC, published by Konrad Baumeister, 11416 Parkview Lane, Hales Corners, WI 63130, continues to be one of the best around. Konrad's 50th issue which arrived recently was a freebie to his readership (20pgs) full of strategy articles, letters, rock music commentary, and other good reading. Keep up the great job, Konrad! By the way, he promises an important announcement for August. And are you really gonna sue Gibson for \$20,000? Sub to EGGNOC and find out yourself!

MM welcomes RURITANIA to the trading list. RURI, published by Tony Watson, 1481 S. Palm #207, Las Vegas, NV 89104 (10/\$3.50), carries a SF/Fantasy slant to it and has been around awhile (#66 in June). #66 had reviews of THE SHINING, Stanley Kubrick's latest movie and THE RINGWORLD ENGINEERS, a SF novel by Larry Niven. Thanks, Tony!

Congrats to the following MM readers who have recently celebrated postal wins: Konrad Baumeister who won 1976DS with Russia and 1977CF as France; John Michalski, 1976IK as France; Ron Kelly who won 1977AA with Turkey and 1974I also as Turkey; David Crockett, 1977HP with Austria; and Dick Martin with Germany in 1978ID. Way to go!

Anyone out there interested in seeing a postal game of MACHIAVELLI in these pages? Let me know if you are as I know someone who Might be interested in CGMing one if there's sufficient interest.

Ever wanted to know what gamezines are published in the US and elsewhere? All you need to do is send 75¢ in stamps or check to Michael Mills, 1585 Quaker Rd., Macedon, NY 14502 and he'll send you his Zine Directory, a listing of all current DIPaines! Better hurry though as I understand the supply is running low.

Anyone else out there receive CLAW AND FANG? At the top of #115 is Don's dedication for the monthly "Fang of the Month" nomination. A Van Handel nominates "Ron Brown" for his campaign in Russia as Turkey in 1980AC. I'm not in that game and I've never heard of Van Handel. Is there another Ron Brown in the x hobby? Maybe I should start using my full name!

That's it for now. "The Black Hole Affair" has been successfully concluded with everyone apologizing and will end with all concerned living happily ever after. So no more on that and I hope you have had enough anyway. I will in the future maintain my previous apolitical nature and keep a neutral stance.

So remember . . .

"There's no art  
To find the mind's construction in the face:  
He was a gentleman on whom I built  
An absolute trust."

MACBETH, I, iv, 11.

That's the way I felt in a game with Carl Michaelberger (1978AB), the winner of this year's DIPCON DIPLOMACY Tournament. Just before he stabbed me and took two centers away from me! But congrats to Carl anyway.

## STILL MORE STUFF

Just thought I'd throw in a little bit more while I have the chance. First, Al Rodrigues, Dan Kussynski, and myself drove down this past weekend (7/11-13) for GLASC V at Cal State Northridge. We first went to Jack Masters' place where we were fortunate enough to be able to find a place to sleep for the weekend and then we all went together to the Con. We arrived Friday evening just in time for the first round of the DIPLOMACY tournament (such as it was). Considering how poorly organized things were and the lack of publicity for the event, there was a good showing with five or six boards in play. The tourney was set up so that the winner from each board and the best runnerup of them all would make it to the final round where whoever won would be THE winner. The first game I found myself as France with Dan playing Italy. Dan did an excellent job of working with the Turkish player and they wiped out Austria rather quickly.

I gained three builds in 1901 and then got into a static war with England. I couldn't persuade anyone to help out (Germany was wiped out and Russia was firmly allied with England) so it was only a matter of time until Italy came steaming into Spain and Marseilles. I ended the game with one fleet in Brest, while Dan barely edged out the Turk for the right to go on to the next round. And guess who won the final game with Russia? That's right, none other than Dan himself. Congrats to Dan!

We managed to get in four games of DIP and two KINGMAKER games while we were there while also draining a beer or two (although the Security force was formidable, we managed to have some brewskis in the room with our second KM game). Saturday night we went to a bar afterwards and were awed by the way Jack drank us all under the table. And I thought he didn't drink! A couple of new nicknames were christened also: Dan (the Bigtimer) Kussynski and (Black) Jack Masters. Both are very appropriate, I think. A good time was had by all and if you could have made it and didn't, then it's your own fault.

I mentioned just a bit earlier that I would not print anything else on the "Black Hole Affair" but I got a letter from Bruce Linsey and feel obligated to print it since I had told him earlier that I would. If you are bored with this stuff then please skip it and go on to the Percentile Ratings or something. But if you are enjoying it, (and some of you have indicated that you are) then I hope you like hearing Brux's rebuttal to Dave Barker's letter. But this will be THE last time you read about this stuff in the pages of MM. OK?

Al and I had a brief discussion the other day about titles of some of the zines around and you know what he had the nerve to say? He said he thought MURD'RING MINISTERS was a dumb name! But he thought the TWILIGHT ZINE was the best name ever thought up. Let's put it to a vote: which zine of all the ones you've ever heard of has the best title? Which has the dumbest? We both agreed, though, that the BRUTUS BULLETIN was a nice title.

And finally, how do you pronounce "Zine"? How many of you think it should rhyme with mine and fine? Who thinks it should rhyme with mean and keen? This could be the biggest poll of the year!

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READERS' RHETORICAL REPLIES

(( A couple of letters and quick comments about the recent flurry of "Black Hole" garbage that's been printed in these pages the past couple of months. First, a letter from Brux in reply to Barker's letter last issue.))

from Brux Linsey . . .

Dear Ron,

I am writing in reply to Dave Barker's character assassination of last issue. The piece is very well done, and it is a pity that Dave doesn't put his writing abilities to better use. Let's have a look at several statements made by Dave, both in MM and elsewhere. Dave has raised several serious charges, and they need to be answered.

I'll start with Dave's letter to you. Dave implies that I threw Matt McKibbin out of his VOD game on trumped-up charges and for revenge. Blatantly ignored is the fact that I threw Matt out of the game for lying to the GM. Also ignored is the proof of this which appears in VOD #14. If the proof is valid, and I think it pretty much is, then Dave should shut up. If it is not valid, then he ought to answer it. Instead, he just ignores it and continues to make up lies.

Despite Dave's claim to the contrary, I have never "admitted that I didn't have grounds for ejecting McKibbin from his game." But, as we shall see in a moment, Dave is a master at putting words into other peoples' mouths.

Kathy Byrne is currently on my standby list, and she is not a witness to my unethical behavior, as Dave would have us believe. It is true that Kathy and I disagree with certain aspects of GMing, but so far as I am aware, she has no quarrel with the ethics of anything I've done. Of course, Dave ignores this entirely.

Dave says (or actually, implies) that I have written to people playing in Kathy's games and warned them about her character. Does he name any of the people I am supposed to have written to? Of course not. There are none. THIS STATEMENT IS A LIE, and I challenge Dave to try to prove it.

Dave is putting more words into my mouth when he quotes me as saying that John Caruso is an unprincipled GM. I never said any such thing.

Nor does Dave restrict himself to MM with his lies and character assassinations. In a letter to me, dated Feb. 19, he refers to Jack Masters as a bastard, simply because Jack was apparently able to out-negotiate him in 1979IC. In the same letter, he accuses me of collaborating with Jack on a cover-up story concerning that game. Can Dave prove this? Of course not. It's all in his little mind; no such cover-up existed.

Or, turning to a letter from Barker to the Beardman Number Custodian, dated Feb. 16, Dave says that he has ample proof that I was lying to cover up the source of the fake VOLKERWANDERUNG published last Christmas. The proof does not exist, for I was not so lying. If Dave claims to have uk said proof, I'd like to see it. Worse, in this same letter, Dave says that because I would lie about the fake VOLMER, I would also lie as a GM. Again, of course, no proof.

Turning now to Dave Barker's letter published in VOLMER #7, he refers to me as Masters' cohort. And he discusses a phone call between Jack and myself, and claims to know the content of that call when in fact no such phone call was made at the time Dave claims it was.

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Not satisfied with slinging mud at Masters and me, Dave proceeds (in his letter to you) to make sarcastic remarks about the intelligence of Mark Berch, while his buddy Matt attacks John Kelley as a "misguided soul" in a letter to the editor of WHITESTONIA. Both of these attacks were made because the people in question, Berch and Kelley, wrote letters supporting my action in the BLACK HOLE game.

Let me hit you with a few questions, Ron, I would like you to answer these publicly. ((GULP!-RB)). You have already stated your opinion that I may have overreacted in removing a player from a game, and that is ~~a~~ your right. But now it is me who is asking you to answer some other questions. The questions are:

- 1) Is it fair for a player to attack a GM's integrity just because he disagrees with a decision that was made?
- 2) Is it fair for Barker to write letters to the editors of four zines and label me a liar and a dishonest GM because I threw his friend out of a game?
- 3) What about his false claims that I called Caruso an unprincipled GM and that I wrote to players in Kathy's games?
- 4) Is this right?
- 5) Is it right to try to totally destroy a guy's reputation by slander, lies, and misquotes? What do you think, Ron?
- 6) Further, is it OK for Barker to attack Berch and Masters, and for McKibbin to attack Kelley, simply because they agree with me? How many more respected hobby members must these two characters attack before people realize what's going on?
- 7) In short, Ron, do you believe that any of Barker's charges, made without any sort of evidence whatsoever, are true?

I think that Dave's actions are despicable. He is a proven liar, and until he learns that his actions are wrong, I think the hobby should just ignore statements that exit from his mouth. I don't know how your readers view Dave's attacks on me, Berch, and Masters. But I personally find them disgusting. I have proved my case in VOICE OF DOOM, and Dave just keeps sputting frost lies with no hint that any proof might be forthcoming. Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,  
BRUX

((Dear Brux,

The answers to your questions --

- 1) I guess that depends upon the decision itself. If a GM makes a decision which affects the game itself - which belongs to the players, not the GM - then I feel a player has the right to voice an opinion on that particular GM decision. However, most players realize, and all should realize, that the GM is running the game for the ~~pk~~ players as a service and because he enjoys the hobby too. GMs are not out to give people a bad time or get rich (has anyone ever known a wealthy GM?). He is not likely to make any decisions that are biased or are likely to harm the game. At least not intentionally. At no time do I feel a player has the right to insult the GM because of a GM decision, good or bad, but rather the right to rationally air his opinions.
- 2) I don't know enough FACTS to comment on this. The answer could be yes or no, depending upon the facts pertaining to this matter.

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3) I agree with you that if there's no evidence to support the claim of writing so people in Kathy's games, then no such claim should be made. As for the "unprincipled" statement -- you have to admit that this may have been implied rather than stated but many of us thought you felt that way. Konrad and I both thought that's what you meant. But I'm very glad you have gone on record to clearly state you don't feel that way.

4) See #3 above.

5) I think not. What does this guy think he is anyway? A DIPLOMACY player or something? (Sorry, Bruce, had to say that). Seriously, I don't think this is kosher but I also think you need to have a thick skin to be involved with this hobby -- and all the more if you publish.

6) Attacks? A little too strong a word perhaps, for calling people things like, "a misguided soul" and "very smart". As for Black Jack being a bastard, well . . . (You should have seen what he did to my Italy when he played Turkey. And all because of that little misunderstanding about Denmark a few months ago . . .)

7) Barker makes several charges that I will neither believe or disbelieve unless I see proof to back them up. In the meantime I'll do what I always try to do -- keep an open mind. But I think this "Black Hole Affair" has run its course and more deserving topics are around the corner for us all.

I would like to reiterate what I have said before though; Bruce Linsey has a good zine, VOICE OF DOOM, excellent repro, and none have more enthusiasm than Brux about this hobby. I'll tell any of my readers what I told Jennifer King at GLASC V: Bruce runs a top notch zine and you can get a sample from him at 71 Hudson Terrace Apts, Newburgh, NY \_\_\_\_\_. As soon as Brux indicates he can get me into a game, I'll sign up for one myself. - RB))

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PERCENTILE RANKINGS OF MURD'RING MINISTERS  
GAMES (SEASONS 78A1-79AN 1901-1904)  
by

John H. Masters

(Better known to us who know and love him as Black Jack Masters))

The computer percentiles of the first eight MURD'RING MINISTERS games has been tracked through 1904 (as of this date 1979HO has not yet completed 1904). Results are presented below. Many games have gone well beyond 1904 at this time. It is interesting to note that the percentile standing in 1904 can be improved (e.g. France in 1979AN) and a very good standing could fall apart (e.g. Italy in 1978II). In most games, however, the pattern is well established by 1904 and good ratings continue to hold up while ratings below 25-30 are extremely hard to improve upon in future years.

Section 1; Original Players:

Game/Country	Player	Percentile Ranking			
		1901	1902	1903	1904
79A1/Russia	B.Arnett	92	76	97	96
79AN/Germany	B.Silsberger	93	99	96	94
79C/Germany	J.Bumpas	94	93	86	94
79HN/Germany	J.Masters	80	72	65	94
79AN/Austria	B.Garson	78	95	99	93
79A1/England	J.Masters	63	62	96	93
78II/Italy	J.Sz.Germain	61	91	99	93

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## PERCENTILE RANKINGS (Cont'd)

Team/Country	Player	Percentile Ranking			
		1901	1902	1903	1904
79HN/Turkey	E.Howard	95	76	93	87
79CF/Germany	B.Linsey	54	72	86	82
79HN/France	M.Hartman	75	75	70	81
7811/England	J.Michalski	59	88	75	77
7811/Turkey	A.Rodriguez	95	89	80	72
79CW/Turkey	B.Schilling	51	42	63	72
79CF/Italy	P.Hefti	80	78	81	71
79HN/Italy	B.Shelton	61	63	861	71
79CW/France	S.Lee	62	42	70	66
79AN/England	T.Haffey	41	62	75	63
79CF/Russia	S.Kerchner	70	76	55	63
7811/Germany	D.Pillat	18	7	45	62
79CW/Italy	J.Williams	48	31	31	57
79G/England	D.Grabar	24	62	89	49
79CW/Germany	D.Barker	9	36	45	49
79CW/Russia	A.Haehnel	82	33	41	49
79AI/Italy	K.Mooney	70	63	61	43
79AN/Italy	P.Smyth	89	76	44	31
7811/Austria	R.Shatto	89	33	31	38
79HN/England	B.Carmody	59	62	54	34
79CW/England	R.Hawkins	41	62	31	34
79AN/Turkey	J.Masters	89	76	44	31
79G/Turkey	J.Michalski	27	65	44	31
79AI/Turkey	P.Smyth	74	13	11	31
79AN/France	D.Palter	8	4	8	28
79AI/Austria	K.Garrett	44	26	31	25
7811/Russia	D.Mueth	14	6	11	22
79HN/Russia	T.Burnett	14	14	11	12
79HN/Austria	J.Laing	40	26	31	10
7811/France	C.Struckman	75	32	14	10
79G/France	S.Chuan-Fang	45	14	8	10
79CF/France	A.Rodriguez	4	9	8	10
79AN/Russia	L.Webb	1	3	2	2
79HO/France	J.Williams	15	75	95	??
79HO/England	D.Staley	59	62	89	??
79HO/Austria	D.Tucker	89	79	71	??
79HO/Russia	G.Coughlan	14	43	55	??
79HO/Turkey	D.Kuszynski	95	56	44	??
79HO/Germany	J.Bank	80	21	5	??
79HO/Italy	D.Barker	61	5	3	??

## PERCENTILE RANKINGS (Con't)

## Section II; Dropouts:

79CF/Austria	J.Amenta	63	56	71	sb
79CW/Austria	D.Mueth	78	56	sb	sb
79G/Russia	B.Schlickernd	70	33	sb	sb
79CF/Turkey	J.Seybold	27	42	sb	sb
79CF/England	T.Sherwood	24	15	sb	sb
79AI/France	B.Sparling	21	18	22	sb
79G/Italy	R.Kelly	28	sb	sb	sb
79AI/Germany	B.MacWhinney	24	3	sb	sb

## Section III; Standbys:

				Standby	Rating
79G/Italy	A.Haehnel	31	61	78	+50
79G/Russia	D.Kuszynski		70	63	+30
79AI/France	A.Rodriguez			38	+16
79CF/Turkey	D.Tucker		44	50	+8
79AI/Germany	D.Kuszynski		5	9	+6
79CF/England	T.Haffey		12	13	-2
79CF/Austria	D.Palter			57	-14
79CW/Austria	G.Carson		46	31	-25

In MURDERING MINISTERS games, German players have done very well. Bruce Linsey, playing a very strong German game in 79CF, has the 9th best ranking in 1904 -- but is only the 4th best German. On the other hand, French players have done very poorly in MM games and only two French players have percentiles over 50.

The MM '04 top board would be: Austria: Carson (79AI); England: Masters (79AI); France: Hartman (79HN); Germany: Sulsberger (79AN); Italy: St.Germain (78II); Russia: Arnett (79AI); Turkey: Howard (79HN). It is very interesting that the three all-novice games (79AI, 79AN, and 79HN) have produced two players each on this top board. Does this indicate a basic unevenness of competition in all-novice games?

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((No surprise to see the co-winners of the first game to reach its conclusion in MM are also the top rated Russian and English players as both achieved rapid early growth and ended the game with 29 supply centers between them. Some players will be surprised by France's poor showing -- not me. I have some affliction for drawing France that I cannot explain but I have played France at least two times as much as any other country I've played and I've had a hard time every game. I cannot even remember a good game with France. So, like I said, it's no surprise for me to see France do poorly in MM games, but especially so when you have high sk calibre players as Germany: Masters, Linsey, Sulsberger, Barker, Pilant, etc. are all superior players. So I'd say we might hazard drawing a conclusion here: When Germany does very well, France ~~and~~ usually doesn't. And there's only one game in MM where France and Germany have remained at peace. Anyone wish to send their own analysis? Thanks go to Black Jack for his work. (and notch the sub extension). ))

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MURD'RING MINISTERS HOUSERULES  
(Revised, July '80)

As recorded in the original MM Houserules, article #18 (MM#1) and in the revised MM Houserules, article #11 (MM#12), the MM Houserules are hereby re-revised. I think that this list shall in all probability, withstand the test of time and not need any future revisions, although it will be reprinted from time to time.

- 1) All standard rules of DIPLOMACY will be used, as found in the Avalon Hill rulebook of 1976.
- 2) Deadlines- The deadline for turning in moves will be printed in the preceding issue of MM. Deadlines will be STRICTLY enforced. This will be to insure that the game will be as punctual as possible and to make Bruce Litsey a happier person. MAILED ORDERS must arrive by post the day of the deadline or sooner. PHONED ORDERS must be called in by 1:00 pm the day of the deadline or sooner. NO EXCEPTIONS will be made.
- 3) Orders- Orders are to be mailed to that particular game's GameMaster. Please note that this is a postal game and as such, please try to MAIL your orders in. Orders sent must contain the following in order to be valid: the game number (the Boardgame Number or temporary MM or TZ # number if a BN is yet to be

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assigned), the date the order is sent, the Country Assignment, and the player's signature. Failure of the above MAY result in an error that, if it occurs, will be considered the fault of the player! Please understand I am striving for player protection here. If you must phone in your orders as we all need to do occasionally, please do so with the understanding that if you do not speak with the GM personally, there is no guarantee that your orders won't be fouled up. Wives and/or roomates can be a great help and capable of taking orders but mistakes have been made in this manner before; so beware! (It's a good idea to have your orders read back to you in any case). Phoned in orders are acceptable only between the hours of 6:00 pm-11:00 pm PST.

- 4) NMR Insurance- This is available for only a request for NMR Insurance on a separate piece of paper along with your phone number. If I haven't received a move from you by the deadline date, I'll call you collect and "collect" your moves.
- 5) You must maintain a subscription or current trade to play in MM.  
Costs: \$4.00/12 issues = subscription rate  
\$3.00/game = gamefee for regular DIPLOMACY  
There is no NMR deposit required.
- 6) Preference Lists- A preference list is a listing of the countries you want to play, in the order you wish to play them. Preference lists will be accepted and used as best the GM can manage. (You may not get your 1st choice but you shouldn't get worse than your 3rd choice.)
- 7) Notation- The following notation will be used in the adjudications of DIP games in MM:
 

A - army	NMR - no moves received
F - fleet	NBR - no builds received
c - convoys	NRR - No retreat received
s - supports	imp - impossible order
H - holds in place	NS
a - annihilated	NSO - no such order
d - dialogued	NSU - no such unit
CD - civil disorder	OTB - off the board
NVR - no vote received	OTM - ordered to move
- 8) Three letter abbreviations (the first three) will be used to designate territories with the following exceptions:
 

Nth = North Sea
Nwg = Norwegian Sea
Nwy = Norway
Bot = Gulf of Bothnia
Tya = Tyrolia
Tys = Tyrrhenian Sea
Lyo = Gulf of Lyon
Lpl = Liverpool
NAt = North Atlantic Ocean
NAF = North Africa
- 9) GM will list possible retreat destinations but makes no guarantee the list will be all-inclusive.

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- i) Failed orders will be underlined. Support and convoy orders which of themselves succeed, will not be underlined, even if the unit supported or convoyed does not succeed in its movement. The province in which a unit lies at the end of a turn will be capitalized. Thus, A Den-KIE succeeds while A DEN-KIE does not. In case a move is mistakenly not underlined, but the move fails, the daps will be the final indicator.
- ii) Supply Center Charts will use this format:  
 A. StP, Mos, S<sub>yy</sub>, WAR....." player controls StP, Mos, and War. Sov was lost while War gained this game year.  
 B. Home, Hwy....." player controls all his home centers plus Hwy.
- iii) A list of standby players will be maintained. An NMR will be assigned a standby player, who will inherit the position if the player in question fails to get his moves in twice in a row. If a player NMR's in Spring 1901, a set of pre-conceived neutral moves will be used. If a player NMR's in any other season, all units will hold in place.
- iv) The playing schedule will include a Spring, Fall, and Winter Cycle. Winter moves will be combined with Spring moves after 1901 unless at least two players request a separation of seasons. Moves sent in may be conditional based upon retreats, removals, and/or Winter builds. Said Conditional Orders are acceptable so long as the conditions are such as may be satisfied at the end of the season before the conditionals are to be exercised. If none of the conditions given by the player take place, the first set of orders listed will be those used.
- v) If one player submits orders for another player the following conditions must be adhered to:
  1. The orders must bear the signature of the player who owns that nation.
  2. Orders must arrive in separate envelopes.
  3. This is not encouraged but grudgingly allowed.
- vi) Press Releases- Press is encouraged under the following restraints: Press must carry a dateline. This dateline must be a city or province under the player's control or that of a neutral location (Switzerland, for example). You may not use a city or province as your press dateline if it is in the possession of another player. If a player submits a press release without a dateline one will be selected by the GM which is under that player's control. Black Press is not allowed unless otherwise specified. Strong expletives MAY be deleted and the publisher reserves this publishing right. But try anything you wish. Press may be conditional upon certain orders succeeding. Press should be limited to not more than 250 words per game season.
- vii) Convocation and Draw Proposals- All calls for a draw or commission must be unanimous to carry. Only the success or failure of the draw proposal will be up published; all ballots will remain secret. NVR constitutes a 'Yes' vote on the proposal. If there are multiple draw proposals that pass, the draw involving the largest number of players will be the one that passes.
- viii) The GameMaster's decisions are final. The only valid argument will result from a GM decision that is a direct contradiction of the Rulebook (see I #1 above).

### III. Heterocycles (Cont.)

Deception of the GM- This is about the only unethical trick in the provostial DIPLOMACY Book. If you plan any extraordinary tricks to deceive another player(s), the GM should be informed (like sending a fake game report, for example). Deception of the GM would include such things as falsifying another player's orders either by post or by phone. Always be honest with your GM, he/she/it is on your side and only trying to help you. Should you be caught deceiving the GM in any way, you will be "completely" at the mercy of whatever disciplinary action the GM feels is justified.

Enjoy your games but  
Don't Leave too  
Many mangled corpses  
Behind you!

## THE GAMES

1979AI SPRING 1907 GAME ENDS WITH AN ENGLISH-RUSSIAN DRAW!! FIRST MM GAME TO END!!  
1979AI has ended in a two-way draw in the Spring of 1907. The draw is between John H. Masters (England) and Bob Arnett (Russia). England had 14 centers while Russia managed 15. Please send in any end game statement soon. I will publish them with the final supply center chart next issue.

1978/IX FALL, 1980 ANGLO-GERMAN ALLIANCE MAKES EVER LARGER GAINS!

Austria (Kelly): NMR: Has A  $\delta$   $\text{D}-\text{H}_2$  A  $\text{V}_{\text{C}-\text{H}}/\text{a}$ /s

England (Nickalaki): **F-TUN-Ions**; F Tyr>NAP; F BON->F Tyr>Nap; A NAF-TUS; F WES & F LIO->A NAF-Tus; F Mid>NAP; F KAC-NNG; A GTP->A Noc; A MOS->A German A War-Ukr/NSO/.

Germany (Pilant): A TUE-VEN; A PIE-s-KERER; A TUE-VEN; A Tya-VIE; A BOH-s-  
A Tya-VIE; A Mun-TYA; A GAL-BUD; A SEL-Cal; A WAR-s-A Sil-Cal.

F TRI-E-A VHN: A Ven-s-Carmen A Tug-Rob/a/; F Nap-Ion/a/; A SEV-H: A UKS-RUN: A Run-SEP: F ION-s-English F Tug-Nap

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**"Striving to better, oft we mar what's well."**

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1978II 1903 SUPPLY CENTER CHART

England	Ydg, Bui, Spt	(1) 0
England	Den, Bel, Nwy, StP, Bro, Spa, Tun, Por, Ros, NAP, MOS	(13)+3 (one short)
Germany	Den, Hol, Swe, Par, Mar, Ven, VEN, VIE	(11)+3 (two short)
Italy	Ydg, NAP, TRI	(1) 0
Turkey	Heg, Bul, Rus, Sev, Gre, SER	(8)+2 (one short)

1978II Picca

NAPLES-TUNIS: Thanks for the card, Hahn. Please send me another for next season.

NAPLES-VIENNA: Looks like you'll have a new flag by the winter.

ANKARA: A weary Afghan is settled in his chair surrounded by his favorite books in his study. His desk was cluttered with diplomatic cables and news from the front. "We've been lucky war has not stained the Anatolian Peninsula. We've suffered only a couple of defeats in expanding our empire but it looks like our allies will soon fall. Time to come to terms with Der Kaiser and King John. If, if, if . . . If only those darn Italians had been strong. We just could not count on them. Our fleet in the Tyrrhenian was lost because of them. Turkish sailors sacrificed for those unpredictable bastards. Allah draws its time. Time to end it all!"

NAPLES-TUNIS AGAIN: Thank your lucky stars, you would be stalemates down here. Did Curt predict this?

LONDON: The PM knows and respects why Austria fights on to continue his reputation as a solid and steadfast friend/foe who will fight to the end. The PM knows and respects why Italy has chosen his proper course -- the ayet is hopeless and only a drain on a good sine. That leaves only the insulting and arrogant Sultan who forces these other fine fellows to waste their time, talent, and postage on exposition continuing a hopeless cause in order to prop up his own ego as master of a sinking ship.

The English government calls on the honorable leaders of Italy and Austria to show this devil the Light, by turning on his and hitting those puppet strings! England pledges to do all in its power to insure your survival if you do. England also requests we do Ron Brown a favor and vote FOR an E-G draw.

NAPLES-ANKARA: Hang in there, I'm with you until the bloody end (my own).

NAPLES-JKS: Please guess wrong?

1979CW SUMMER 1906 Turkish F Aeg-r-CON; English F Ndg-r-NNG; Eng F Nth-r-SKA.

1979CW FALL 1906 GERMANS IN VENICE? WHY NOT? FROGS ARE IN KIEL!

England (Caxton): F NNG-NWY; F SKA-s-F Ndg-Nys; F WMR-s-F Ndg-Nwy.

France (Loo): F Hol-KIE; A RUH-s-F Hol-Kie; A UKR-MNG; F NTH-s-RUSSIAN

F Swe-Den/NSO/; A Ipl-WDI; F LOR-YOR; F Eng-LON.

Germany (Bertie): A Tys-VEN; A Kie-MUN; A BER-s-A Kie-Mun; F DEN-Kie.

Italy (William): A Ven-TRI; A Gal-BUD; A ALB-s-A Ven-Tri; F GRE-Bul(g);

F Aeg-EAS; F ION-s-F Aeg-Eas.

Russia (Hacknel): A NNY-s-F Srg; F SWE-s-A Nwy; A FIN-s-A Nwy; F STP(s)-H;

A VIE-s-Italian A Gal-Bud.

Turkey (Schilling): A Ukr-MOS; F Sev-RUM; A Bul-SER; F BLA-Bul(es); F CON-Say;

F Aeg-Say/d/-r-Syr, OTB; A Bul-s-A TRI/s/; A TRI-s-German

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I have protected the greatest gift you can have—the most important gift you can give.

Don't be so selfish.

He also makes the bed and does some cleaning and also assisted his grandmother very much.

After a week's stay in London, we are now back in Paris, where we have been invited to a dinner at the residence of the French Ambassador.

and passed to the wife of the deceased, and the next month he presented the Ryuges of the Month.

Sorry, Ben. It just wouldn't work.

the Sultan is wondering what has happened to poor George Hinde.

It appears that he intends to seek his head in the sand and ignore the gravity of the situation.

LITCHFIELD-HONES: "Which I could have done more time for you, but this will have to do."

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England- No Adjustments  
 France- No Adj.

Germany- Builds A KIE

## 1979HN SPRING 1906 GERMANY'S TENTACLES STRETCH EVERYWHERE?!

England (Carnesey):

France (Hartman):

Germany (Hartman):

Italy (Shalton):

Turkey (Howard):  
 F'06 due 8/15/80

Would David Barker, 2050 Gillilan, Placentia, CA 92670 please send standby orders for England?

Would Dan Swarts please send standby orders for Turkey? Dan, 2549 Glenmary Ave #2, Louisville, KY 40204.

## 1979HO SUMMER 1904 Italian F Ion-r-TYS

## 1979HO FALL 1904 BEF IN HOLLAND WIPED OUT! TRENCH WARFARE IN THE EAST?!

Austria (Teaker): F ALB-H; A TRI-s-F Alb; A SER-H; A BUD-s-A Ser; A ROM-s-A Ven; A VEN-s-A Rom.

England (Staley):

France (Williams):

Germany (Haffey):

Italy (Burke):

Russia (Coughlin):

Turkey (Kusaynaki):

F'04 AND S'05 due 8/15/80.

## 1904a SUPPLY CENTER CHART

Austria- Hon, Ser, Ven, Ital, ROM.....(6) 0

England- Hon, Nvy, Ital, Den, Kie.....(6) 0

France- Hon, Spa, Per, Bel, Mun, Tun, HOL.....(9)+1

Germany- Bar.....(1) 0

Italy- Ital, Nap.....(1)-1

Russia- Hon, Rus, SWG.....(6) 0

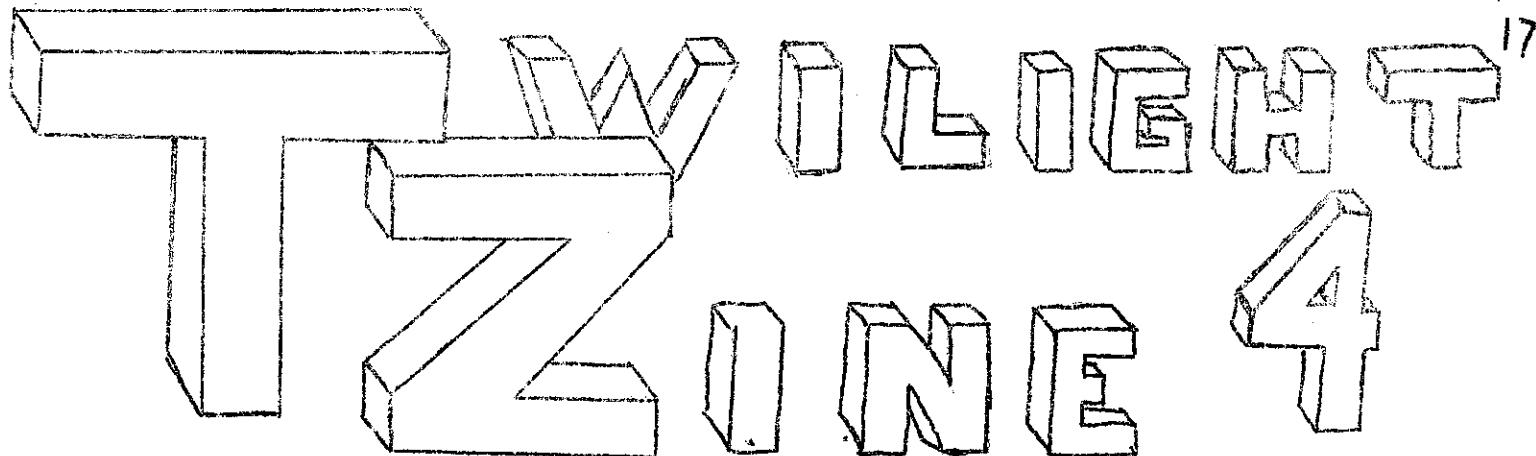
Turkey- Hon, Gre, Bul.....(5)+1

## 1979HO Press

RUSSIA-GERMANY: Stay afloat little brother! We'll see if we can't make you bigger yet!

LONDON: The British Fleet has cut about its Scandinavian goodwill cruise in order to investigate the sighting of Frog off the English coast.

RUSSIA-FRANCE: Together we can drive the greedy English bunglers back to their miserable little island and, among other things, teach them to write letters.



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Already issue four, well I'll try to at least run TZ longer than John Kelley's The Beholder and Jack Brawner's Flying Dutchman. Can anybody confirm the rumor that Brawner has indeed folded?

I had a very interesting trip on July 11-13. Ron Brown, Dan "The Big Timer" Kuszynski and I went to a gamers convention in Los Angeles. Before I left I dropped by the folk's house to pick up a sleeping bag. My mother asked me where I was going. I told her "a game convention". I noticed a look of shock come over her face. When I asked what was wrong she said "a gay convention...." Well fortunately I was able to straighten her out, it was close for a second. A gay convention! Hmphh! The three of us stayed at Black Jack Master's place. For those of you who don't know yet Black Jack (write to John Masters, 25711 North Vista Fairways Dr. Valencia, CA. 91355) is running his own zine now, The Black Fag. Oh excuse me it's The Black Frog; see what my mother has done to me. A gay convention! I still can't believe it! The Diplomacy tournament was poorly organized. It consisted of two rounds; the winners of round one advanced to the top board and that was it. "The Big Timer" won it all, way to go "Big Timer"! I didn't make it to the top board as a second place nine center Russia. The most fun was to be had in the pick up Diplomacy games, Kingmaker games, and after hour recreating. Boy can that Black Jack put away the booze! Saturday night he was so bad that Sunday morning I found him sleeping next to the Los Angeles Times on his front lawn. I learned how to play Kingmaker. Kingmaker sucks! Since I was just learning I must give it more of a chance, because it does seem to have possibilities. What I dislike about it is that its too defense oriented. It could have more action. Enough! On to the games.....

1980 AS

SPRING 82

KID KAISER KNOCKSOUT BELGIUM, TAKES A JAB AT THE BEAR!

Austria(David Wildman): A SER-S-F Tri-ALB, A BUD-S-A SER, A Vie-DEU  
F Tri-ALB

England(Charles Miller): F Lon-NTH, F Nth-SKA, A NWY-H F ENG-Mid

France(David Grabar): A PIC-Bel, A Bur-GAS, F MID-Eng

Germany(Mark Kraft): F Hol-BEL, A RUH-S-F Hol-BEL, A DEN-Swe, A Mun-SIL  
A Ber-PRU

Italy(Matt McKibbin): A Pie-MAR, A VEN-H, F Nap-ION, F Tun-WES

Russia(Jeff Albrecht): F SWE-H, A Fin-stp, A Mos-Ukr, F SEV-Arm, F BLA-Ank,  
A RUM-Bul

Turkey(Jerome Dunn): A SMY Arm, F ANK-Bla, F Bul(sc)-AEG, A Con-BUL,  
A GRE-S-A Con-BUL

PRESS:

Germany-World: Sorry for not being able to write most of you. Fishing trip.

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Germany-Italy: Let bygones be bygones?

Italy to the World: My apologies for my lack of writing. I'm truly embarrassed about it. I will attempt to keep up with it in the future.

Pope Matthew I to the tarnished Saint Alfredo-Alfredo: Some charity, the least that you could have done was to paid your long distance phone bill.

Why did you have to house Fifi in a different area code?

(The Field) St. Alfredo-Alfredo to Punk Pope: My son enough! I trust you would not care to witness the wrath of a saint! Besides if my wife,

Sister Inferior, ever found out.....

THE FIELD: Interesting game! Not much in the way of alliances though I'd usually expect to see more cooperation between players such as an international support for example. Bet you we have the alliance structure firming up a bit more this Fall. Fall 02 orders due by 1:00 PM August 16. Please include your phone number with your orders.

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1980 CT

Winter 01

NATIONS OF EUROPE "SLOWLY" READY FOR WAR! FOUR NEUTRALS AWAIT MASTERS  
(Not you Black Jack!) IN 1902!

Austria(Rick Ragsdale): A Vie

England(George Cunningham): F Lon

France(Davie-Baby Perlmutter): A Bre

Germany(Jim Chatfield): A Mun, F Kie

Italy(Al Giddings): F Rom, F Nap

Russia(John Lesch): even

Turkey(Rod Fielding): F Ank

PRESS

Paris-Herr Doktor: Nyah go ahead try and attack me. Hey stop that, I was only kidding.

Paris-The Field: Very good job Al. You got my hopes up by not underlining my move to Bel. Don't you have any feelings you heartless b----.

The Field-Paris: Davie-baby! I'm confused a 'b' with eight blanks following? What could that possibly spell?

Paris-England: If I see an army in Edi. OK if I see a fleet in Lon-you die!

Paris: The idiots who asked for standbys: I can't understand you guys at all. Why do you want some stranger skrewing up our game. Al can't you have a revote or something.

The Field to Paris and the idiots who asked for standbys(Dave said it! I didn't): This is the only Twilight Zine game employing standbys. Some

players in this game feel strongly about having standbys if they should change their minds fine. This game will have standbys until I get a vote change from the pro-standby forces.

Paris-Europe: I'm going on vacation to Brazil for the next three months, please send all mail to 123 Rio De Martin Borman, Sa Pauillo Brazil 236AS COA Effective July 4

Herr Doktor Giddings-Paris: What do you have against doctors, Perlmutter? You some sort of a Christian Scientist? It appears you should be making friends instead of slandering them. You're forgiven though. (As long as you stay out of you know where!)

The Field-"Herr Doktor": I agree Doc! I want Perlmutter to stay out of my you know where! The only problem is I don't know where it is!

Rome-Vienna: I'm not Augudaline! You can Vienna so kindly and we can kiss and make up!

His Holiness Pope Boniface VIII today sent out a  
letter to all the Catholics of Europe. "My brothers, please join the Church  
in War just now wage against the Protestant crew who are trying to destroy  
Her. Remember your tithes and give just one SC for every three you hold  
to the Church so that She may once again rise to Her Roman Glory!"

Rome-Europe: King Alfredo VII (no relation to any of the numerous "Alfredos" around) bombasted the aged Pope and his insane ravings with a statement to Europe asking for a suitable new domicile for the outspoken Pontiff. Also this statement followed: "Any SC's given to the Church will be confiscated and remain the property of the Red, White, and Green" (while holding up a miniature Italian flag). The King did add that the SC's given, although not a means to heavenly aspirations, would be tax deductible.

Vienna-The Italian Hobby Horse: You rotten, no-good fink. If it's war you want, then you've got it!

THE FIELD: Spring 02 due by 1:00 PM August 15. Send in your numbers along with your orders alright buddies.

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1980 CO

Fall 01

THIS ISN'T YOUR TYPICAL FRIENDLY GAME! ALLIANCES ALREADY! NO FENCE-SITTERS HERE!

Austria(Ralph McKnight): A Gal-UKR, A SER-S-TUR, IA Bul-RUM, F Alb-GRE

England(Donaly Swartz): F ENG-C-A Wal-BEL, A Wal-BEL, F Nth-NWY

France(Dan "The Big Timer" Kuszynski): A Spa-MAR, F Mid-SPA(sc), A Par-PIC

Germany(Anthony Stark): A Mun-BUR, A Kie-HOL, F DEN-H

Italy(Paul Foodrich): A PIE-H, A VEN-S-A PIE, F Tyr-TUN

Russia(Hector Roybal): F Bot-SWE, A Ukr-WAR, A SEV-S-F Rum, F Rum-S-A SEV/a,

Turkey(James Dunn): A Bul-RUM, A Con-BUL, F BIA-Sev

#### SUPPLY CENTER CHART 1901

Austria: Home, Ser, Gre-builds two

England: Home, Bel, Nwy-builds two

France: Home, Spa-builds one

Germany: Home, Hol, Den-builds two

Italy: Home, Tun-builds one

Russia: Home, Swe, one unit /a/-builds two

Turkey: Home, Bul, Rum-builds two

#### Press:

Moscow: The Czar is attempting the situation in the south with delicate negotiations between the Austrians Turks and Russians. We haven't heard from anyone. Where is everybody?

Turkey to all capitals, princes, rulers and peoples: An unfortunate blunder resulted in the sublime porte being incomunicado for three weeks, much to the chagrin of the government at constantinople. Any and all inconveniences this may have caused others are sincerely regretted.

Humblest apologies and best wishes in the Holy month of ramadan to all.

THE FIELD: Well buddieeee I'm glad to announce this game will be run without standbys. Nobody objected. Winter 01 builds due 1:00 PM August 15 Please send your phone numbers along with your orders.

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So ends another issue of TZ and just to make Ron happy TZ is three pages even.

How's this for an idea? Next issue I am going to allow players to submit their own headline for their games. That will save me from having to come up with my usual mediocre headlines. Submit a headline with your orders and I will select one to head up the game. The headline will be chosen on the basis of cleverness, humor, amount of letters etc. I will not divulge whose headline is used so its sort of a "black headline", if there are any nonplayers who care to submit entries I will also allow those in the competition (If there is a competition). BYE

## 1979ICP Press (Cont'd)

PARIS: The French National Weather Service reports that the English Channel is calm and is expected to be ideal for crossing for several years.

THE MEDITERRANEAN (NAPLES): What was left of an Italian convoy into Greece was picked up by the vessels of the French Fleet. It seems most of them had made it back to shore, but others were seen to be swimming toward Tunis.

MOSCOW: Due to late-breaking news, Russia is now a neutral in the Austro-Turkish war. The English have again played Russia false, and for the last time.

PARIS: Whoever forged that Phony French National Weather Service report from the Mediterranean last season has made the wrong people happy and mad. The penalty for ~~crossing~~ around here is the guillotine. Heads up!

LONDON-PARIS: In the years to come, Jim, it is you who will be disappointed.

RUSSIA-ENGLAND: It's not nice to fool Mother Russia! Two things to always remember which you forgot last Spring:

- 1) When you attack a nation whose only "crime" was to have trusted and helped you (and who has received nothing at all in return from you), make ~~very~~ sure your attack is devastating and successful, not like your totally inept Spring move. You may now have Sweden or St.Pete but you could have had both of them this season.
- 2) Never, never, never attack unless you're prepared to fight. You attacked me because I was "exposed" to you but it looks like you're the one who got caught with his pants down.

And here's a "Swedish" fortune cookie for you: "When attacker who attacks friend is himself attacked, attacker should not expect any sympathy from friend, much less ask friend for help with attacker's moves. Attacker have lot of gall."

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## 1979ICP WINTER 1906

Austria- Biebands A TYA

Italy- NBR

England- Biebands A Yer

Russia- A Mos-c-GEN, Biebands A Ukr

Germany- Biebands A KIE, A MUN, A BER

Turkey- Biebands A Aix, F Con-r-OTB

SPRING 1907 POPE VISITS SOUTH AMERICA AT WRONG TIME! MILITARY REFUSES TO BUDGE UNTIL HE RETURNS AS MUNITIONS FACTORIES CLOSE!

Austria(Palter): A Beh-TYA; A Ser-RUM; F BUL(ns)-s-A Ser-Rum/Imp/; A BUD-s-A Ser-Rum; A GAL-s-A Ser-Rum.

England (Haffey): F IRL-Cly/Imp/; F STP(ns)-H.

Germany (Linsey): F Wal-ENG; A Lon-BEL; F NTH-c-A Lon-Bel; A Lpl-WAL; A Kie-RUH; A MUN-s-A Syl-Boh; A Syl-BOH; A BER-s-A Mun; F Swe-NFI; A MOS-Sev; A LIV-Mos; A WAR-s-A LIV-Mos.

Italy (Refti): NMR! Has A BRE; F MID; F WES; F TYS; A MAR; F AEG; F SMY; A CON. A SEV-H; F Rum-Bla/a/.

Turkey (Tucker): F BLA-s-German A Mos-Sev.

F'07 due 8/15/83, along with votes. There is a call for an Italian-German Draw. 1979ICP Press

ROME-ALL NATIONS: All forces under control of the Roman Empire will hold still for 1/2 year pending news of the vote.

ENGLISH ADMIRALTY-SEV: I would come to your aid but we seem to be separated by a couple of armies.

GERMANY-ITALY: Hey, friend, come now! I'll give you a tour of the Eiffel Tower! You don't need to force your way in!

ENGLISH ADMIRALTY-BERLIN: I accept your offer, have fun.

GERMANY-AUSTRIA: Trust? What trust? I wouldn't trust you as far as I could thrust you!

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1979 SPRING 1980 FOUR-WAY DRAW VETOED! WAR CONTINUES!

England (Graham): F Lut-ENG; F MID-NAF; F WTH-s-Russia; F Sve-Dan; KARAKUMMER  
F Bax-NWG; F NWY-Swe.

France (HD): A Spa-H/d/-P-OTB.

Germany (Gaspas): F StP(sc)-BOT; F DEN-Swe; F HNL-s-F Den-Swe; A Nol-KIE;  
A BER-SIL; A Bel-BUR; A HUN-s-A Bel-BUR; A HUN-s-A Hun;  
A Ere-GAS.

Italy (Hachnel): A BOH-Mun; A TYA-s-A Boh-Mun; F CON-H; A Ven-PIE; A Pie-SPA;  
F LYO-s-A Pie-Spa; A HAR-s-A Pie-Spa; F TUN-NAF; F HES-Mid;  
F TYS-Wes.

Russia (Kusynski): A Sov-RUN; A Rus-SER; F ANK-Cos; A VIE-TRI; A SIL-s-Italian  
A Boh-Mun; A War-PRU; F SVE-Dan; A FIN-s-English F NWY-Swe; KYN  
A Kos-STE.

F'80 due 3/15/80. There is another call for a 4-way, E-G-I-R draw. Votes due with moves.

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\* game openings \*

There are no game openings at this time. There should be some in 2-3 months. I would like to hear what games you would like to see given priority for the next available genotypes. Unless at least two more people sign up for the ORIGINS OF WWII game by next deadline, I will refund any gamefees collected and cancel it.

ORIGINS = CGM by Kirby Garrett = \$2.00 Gamefee.

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SUB #2 Turn 4

SUB 2 will be adjudicated separately from NM this issue and the players will be informed individually of Turn 4's results. Look for it to return to the pages of NM next month.

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LAST MINUTE NEWS BREAKS

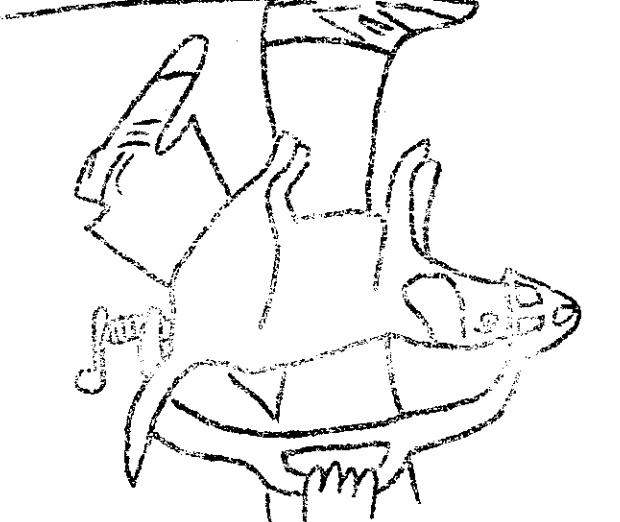
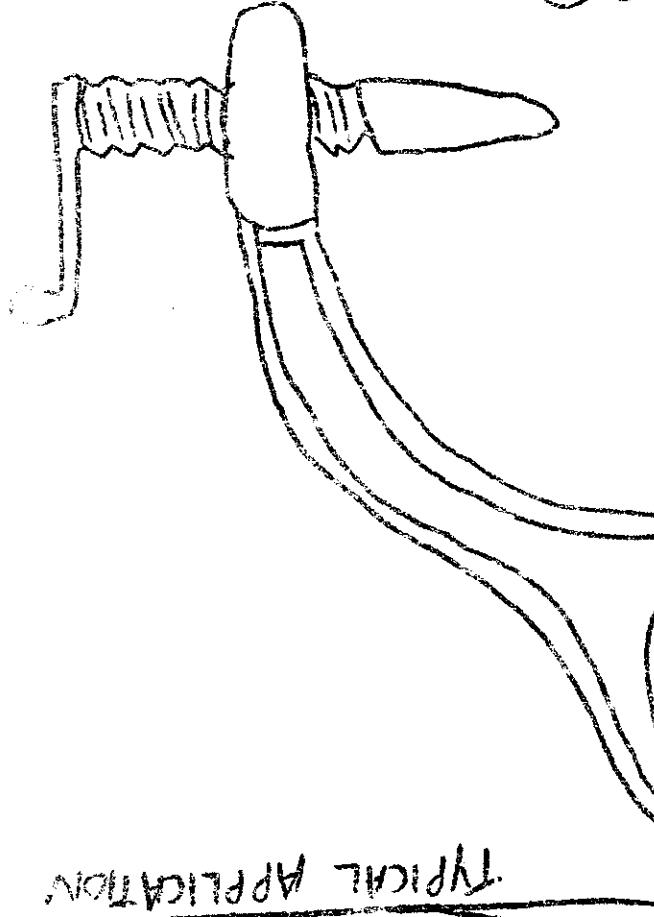
DIPLOMACY TOURNAMENT! August 16th and 17th in Sacramento; sponsored by and to be held at Games People Play store. Cash awards ranging from \$5.00-\$30.00. Three rounds of play; each game not to exceed five hours. Registration by mail (to be received no later than Monday August 11th) is \$6.00; at the door it's \$5.00. For more information, contact Clark Reynolds at 6731 37th Ave., Sacramento, CA 95824. Phone: (916) 383-6030.

Have you seen the latest fake? A six page fake HCGNOC arrived today. OK, Black Jack. Are you at it again? HMMMM. . .

CLAW AND FANG, one of the hobby's oldest (eight years strong) and one of the highest circulation totals has announced its impending shutdown. Don Horton stated in G&F #116 that he would not publish past issue #124. A sad fact . . . but I think everyone who has received G&F ought to congratulate Don for a job well done and for his large contribution to the DIP postal hobby!

The last page of this issue is numbered 22. It should be 24. Look to the next page for the REAL page #22!

DOG DARKIE  
POLISH



TRAIN CRANK CLOCKWISE  
JWML DOGS EYES BVLGE  
TRAIN BACK OFF  $\frac{1}{4}$  TURN

INSTRUCTIONS

THE TORPID TOWER OF TERROR  
PART 3

Our four fearless (?) heroes, Kosgriff the Mage, Perry the Priest, Al the Warrior, and Filler the strumming bard had just slid down a 75' length of brass pole and found themselves in a 10' side passage going both ways. It was decided to head south (their compass said) where they passed by a passage leading to a door off the left. They then came to a 'T' intersection and chose to go left. Soon they came to another of the green arrows whereupon there was a noticeable downslant to the corridor. They continued to follow the buzz hall. Soon it twisted directions and their compass indicated it was now north that they travelled. It only took 5 minutes before they came to a passage leading to the left. They turned there and twenty more paces showed an old torn sack in the floor. The group cautiously picked it up and a thorough examination ensued. After various tests and trials it was

determined to be .....(drum roll, please)..... an old torn sack! An old torn sack? Yes, that's right. An old torn sack. So they left it there and continued on.

They came to a turn in the hall and there was a branching: they could continue the direction they came or try a hallway which twisted back to the right. The right was picked and away they went. But not far! For soon they could see in the darkness before them a flickering, red, inhuman figure. It was quickly decided to try going back the other way. Soon another arrow was found!

But suddenly the path they had been following ended! It bent to the right and ended in a door. Heaps of ashes lay before the door and murmuring voices could be heard on the other side. Deciding not to change their course now, Al put his shoulder to the door and it opened with a thud. Inside was an empty 10x20 room. Al was walking along one wall when he disappeared with a shout. The others saw that a trap door had opened beneath him and deposited him into a pit trap filled with rocks and gravel. He was bruised but unhurt and said a quick prayer of thanks to his patron Saint that no sharp stakes filled the bottom of this trap! Al saw a crumbling door existed at the sidewall of the pit and called for the others to lower themselves into a pit. They tied off a rope to the closed door of the room so they could climb out and then joined Al below.

The door led to a room like the one above with no doors. But a sobbing noise could be heard from a spot along the far wall. Investigating, they found a concealed hatch which opened a secret door. Once through they saw a finely dressed, transparent lady who was crying, "They have killed all my little ones, all my little chicks!" She sobbed loudly and vanished.

The group decided to try the door the maiden was standing before and found a narrow room with pegs upon which hung moldering rags. An old chest at the far end contained a strange flask with a red cross symbol on it. Perry decided he would take this with him. Then they were in the passage again and travelling . . .

(TO BE CONTINUED)

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TH-TH-TH-TH-TH-THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

For now that is. Next issue should be shorter than this one with but will have a few interesting things: a couple of letters, endgame statements from 1979AI, a report from an impending NTF gathering, and an interesting little piece from none other than one Conrad Shortly! See youse then!

## WRAP-UP FOR #22

Well, that about does it for this month. Sorry about the crummy type on this page but due to circumstances beyond my control I'm being forced to use this machine (which I normally wouldn't even use to write to Al or somebody.) In case I didn't mention it earlier, I'm working on a deal to buy a NICE mimeo printer that will give ME print quality that would be rivaled by none. I realize that the ditto is not the best way to go and that sometimes the issue can be a little hard to read but one must live within ones' means. So, I have until September to raise over \$900.00 for this machine. Wish me luck because if I can manage to get it somehow, the type quality of ME should improve drastically.

We went to the California Shakespearean Festival in Visalia last weekend and saw a play which may interest some of you to hear about. The play was HAMLET, thought by many to be Shakespeare's greatest play. But the interesting part was that the play was set in 1905 with Denmark as a part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The costuming, props, etc. were of this time setting and the effect was really pretty good. We enjoyed it and if any of you are Shakespeare buffs you should try to attend a showing of the play before the summer ends.

Well, for those of you who haven't heard yet, ORIGINS will be in San Francisco next year. I'll be there and so will a lot of people from the Western U.S. I'd imagine. Can't wait!

That's it until next time. Get those moves in on time and take it easy . . .

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Your cub ends with issue # \_\_\_\_\_

Would you please standby in \_\_\_\_\_ on pg. \_\_\_\_\_?

Trade X

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